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28 JUN 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Resources for Personnel Security (U)

1. (C) With the concurrence of the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), I have approved issuance of a directive (DCID 1/16) providing policy and procedures on the security of foreign intelligence in automated data processing (ADP) systems and networks. NFIB discussion of this matter focused on personnel security considerations bearing on system access. The Board noted that we do not yet have fully reliable security software for ADP systems to guard against unauthorized access to volumes of sensitive data or modification of data bases. The consensus was that we can best guard against these problems by ensuring that persons authorized access to ADP systems holding sensitive data have had personnel security investigations sufficient to verify their bona fides and to provide reasonable assurances of their loyalty and trustworthiness. The new DCID 1/16 requires persons accessing a central computer facility or its terminals when the system holds sensitive compartmented information to have a TOP SECRET clearance based on prescribed background investigation requirements set forth in DCID 1/14.

2. (C) I am aware that DCID 1/16 will require Defense (particularly for the Military Services) to conduct more background investigations than they do now. I recognize that this carries resource implications, but I am convinced that the modest amount involved (roughly \$2 million) is marginal when contrasted to the direct cost benefits of sharing ADP systems and to the value to national security of maintaining the security integrity of sensitive intelligence. I therefore seek your assistance in ensuring that sufficient resources are made available to conduct adequate background investigations on military personnel and Defense employees who will have access to sensitive intelligence in ADP systems. 25X1

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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21 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy to the DCI for Support
FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman, DCI Security Committee
SUBJECT: Resources for Personnel Security (U)

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1. (U) Action Requested: Your signature on a proposed memorandum to the Secretary of Defense on personnel security resources.

2. (C) Background and Discussion: The NFIB, at its 6 June 1978 meeting, considered and concurred in a revision of DCID 1/16 to provide policy on security of intelligence in ADP systems. During Board discussion, General Aaron spoke to problems the Military Services would have in meeting the personnel security requirements the DCID would impose on those needing access to an ADP system holding compartmented data. A majority of Board members agreed that the present lack of ADP hardware and software to block penetration or data base manipulation in a shared or widely accessed system needed to be compensated for by maintaining strict standards of investigation for those permitted system access. DIA and the Services had asked that the DCID allow much lower personnel security standards. This was to permit them to comply both with the DCID's other provisions and with Defense's internal policy of limiting personnel security investigations in the interests of cutting costs. The Board noted that the estimated \$2 million cited by General Aaron as the extra costs to Defense of reasonably thorough investigations appeared marginal when weighed against the benefits of ADP system sharing and the risks involved in permitting superficially cleared people to access sensitive data in ADP systems. In approving the DCID, the Acting Chairman directed that a letter be prepared to the Secretary of Defense describing the issue and seeking

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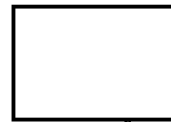
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his cooperation in making adequate resources available to conduct the necessary investigations on military personnel. Those resources are not in the NFIP. The attached proposed memorandum has been coordinated with the Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management.

3. (U) Recommendation: That you sign the attached proposed memorandum.



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for Robert W. Gambino

Attachment:
Memo to SecDef

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